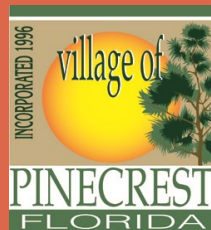


Motorist Responsibilities



- Be alert and watchful for bicyclists, especially when you enter or exit a driveway or alley. Many bicyclists will travel against the flow of traffic.
- Watch for people who may be riding bicycles on the sidewalk or in a crosswalk.
- Before turning right (or left from a one-way street) look over your shoulder and check for bicycle traffic. The bicyclist you just passed will probably catch up with you. If a bike lane is present, carefully merge into it to make your turn. Always use your turn signal.
- Look over your shoulder for bicyclists before you open a car door or pull away from the curb.
- Consider bicycle commuting yourself. Start by trying just one day a week. Bicyclists cut down on traffic congestion.

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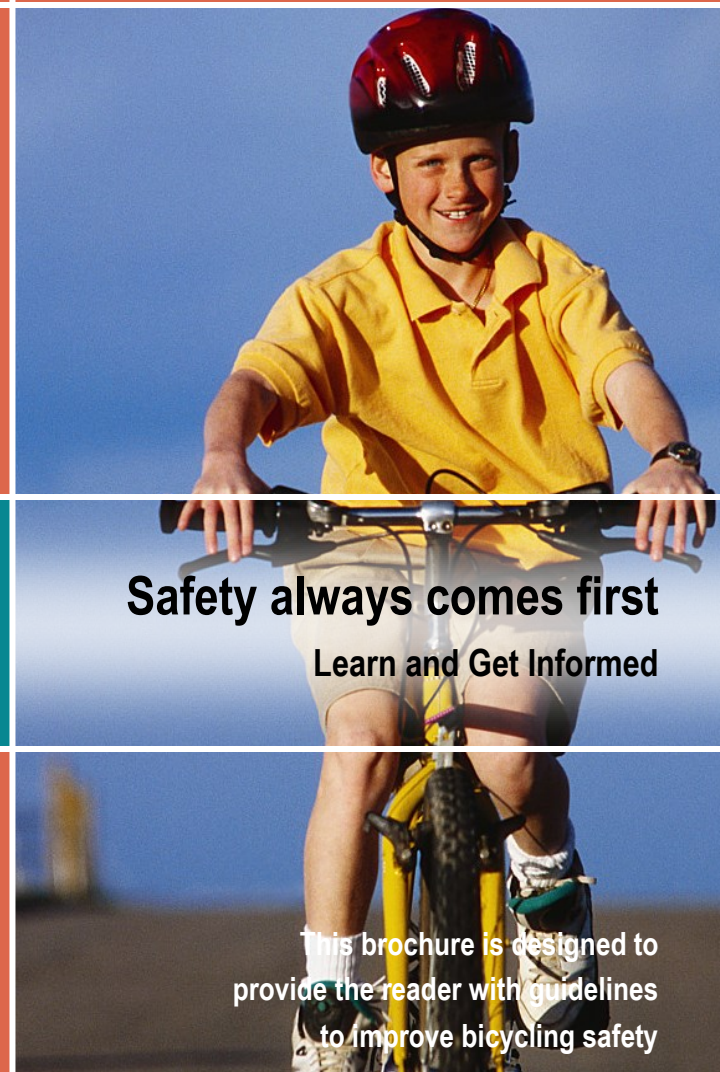
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This brochure is designed to
provide the reader with guidelines
to improve bicycling safety



Safety Tips for Kids & Adults

- Wear a Consumer Products Safety Commission approved bicycle helmet every time you ride. If you are under 16 it is the law. The helmet should fit snugly, sit low on your forehead, and always be buckled.
- Know and follow the rules of the road, such as ride on the right side of the street; do not ride against traffic; obey all traffic signs and signals; and use hand signals. You must obey all traffic laws just like the driver of a car.
- Ride single-file and never ride double on one bike unless it is a tandem bike.
- Avoid biking at night. If you must ride during darkness, wear reflective clothes and use a front light and reflectors on your bike. Be extra careful.
- Before crossing a street, stop at the edge and look left, right, then left again for motor vehicles.
- Be alert and watch for cars. Drivers may not see you even if it seems like they are looking right at you. Be extra careful. Watch for motor vehicles moving out from a curb, driveway, or alley, and maintain a safe distance from parked vehicles to allow for suddenly opened doors.
- Make sure your bike is not too big or too little. You should be able to straddle your bike comfortably, with both feet flat on the ground. When sitting on the seat you should be able to touch the ground with the tips of your toes.

Ride Defensively

- Keep your bicycle in good condition. Check brakes, tires, and handlebars every time you ride.
- Watch for and avoid potholes, drain grates, sand and other hazards on the road.
- Walk your bike when crossing a street in a crosswalk.
- Ride with the flow of traffic, never against it, follow lane markings, and use hand signals.
- Maintain a straight line of travel, keeping a car door's width of distance between you and parked cars.
- Avoid riding in a motorist's "blind spot".
- Do not pass cars on the right at intersections. Many crashes occur when cars turn right into the patch of a bicyclist.
- Never ride while under the influence of alcohol or drugs.



Motorist Responsibilities



- Pass bicycles safely by leaving a minimum of 3 feet of space between your car and the bike.
- Slow down, and use the next lane if necessary. Be extra careful on windy days. The steering of a bicycle is easily affected by wind.
- Do not always expect bicyclists to ride on the far right edge of the roadway. They may legally ride anywhere in the roadway if they are not impeding traffic, to avoid hazards, pass vehicles or other bicycles, or prepare for a left turn. Bicyclists may legally use a left turn lane just like a motor vehicle.
- Do not honk at bicyclists unless absolutely necessary.
- Do not assume a bicyclist sees you or anticipates your actions.